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THE DETROIT CONFERENCE, JUNE 26-JULY 1, 1922

PLANS are being made for a big conference in Detroit, June 26 to July 1, with headquarters at the Hotel Statler. There will be five general sessions and more than forty-five meetings of sections, round table groups and of affiliated and other national organizations. It is expected that the conference will begin with an Executive Board meeting on Monday morning followed by a Council meeting in the afternoon and the first general session on Monday evening, June 26, and will close with section and other meetings on Saturday afternoon.

GENERAL SESSIONS

At the first general session on Monday evening it is expected that there will be greetings from Mayor James Couzens of Detroit and John C. Lodge, president of the Common Council. Dr. M. L. Burton, president of the University of Michigan, has accepted the invitation of the Program Committee to deliver an address and this will be followed by the presidential address of Azariah S. Root. After the meeting a general reception will be held.

The second general session will follow on Tuesday morning, the general theme of the meeting being A. L. A. PUBLICATIONS. The plan is to have a talk on THE POLICY OF THE A. L. A. IN THE FIELD OF PUBLICATION followed by short talks and informal discussion on what needs to be published and the usefulness of A. L. A. publications from the standpoint of libraries of every sort.

The subject for discussion at the third

general session which will be held Wednesday morning will be RECRUITING FOR LIBRARY SERVICE. Here again the plan is to have several short talks by people who can represent every kind of library and almost every kind of work in a library, followed by informal discussion of the need for more and better people and a discussion of the methods by which people of ability can be attracted to the library profession.

The fourth general session will be held on Friday morning. Annual reports will be presented at this meeting and these will be followed by informal discussion of some subject based probably on some important committee report.

The fifth general session, Saturday morning, will be one of the most interesting and important of the week. The subject is THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS PROFESSION. The program committee hopes to begin this meeting with an address by some distinguished speaker, to have it followed by brief talks by prominent librarians, and those followed again by informal discussion.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is now a Council Program Committee which has under consideration the subjects for discussion at the two Council meetings which are planned for Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening. It is probable that these meetings will be devoted to discussion of the most important of the committee reports. A vote of the Executive Board provides that all commit-

tee reports must be submitted in sufficient time to allow for their distribution to Council members well in advance of the first Council meeting at the Annual Conference. This is at the request of the Council itself and in order that the Council may intelligently and seriously consider the committee recommendations and so prevent filing them away without action when they call for action.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS, SECTIONS, ROUND TABLE GROUPS

American Association of Law Libraries

The annual conference of the American Association of Law Libraries for 1922 will be held, as usual, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the A. L. A.

The committee in charge hopes to present an interesting and instructive program. More detailed information will be given in the next issue of the *Law Library Journal* and the *A. L. A. Bulletin*.

Suggestions for the program will be welcomed by the President, Gilson G. Glasier, State Library, Madison, Wis.

Important business matters will come up for solution and a full attendance is desired. It is especially urged that members give serious consideration to the problems that have arisen with regard to the publication of the *Index to Legal Periodicals* as outlined by the committee on the *Index*, particularly on pp. 79-80 of the October issue of the *Law Library Journal*; and that this committee may have the helpful co-operation of the members in attempting to solve such difficulties.

Agricultural Libraries Section

In accordance with instructions given by the section to the officers last year two meetings are being planned which are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evening and Friday afternoon.

Bibliographical Society of America

The program this year will be of more general interest than has frequently been the case, for the Society will discuss the general topic of THE LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION. All librarians know something of the fascinating history of this region and will welcome an opportunity to learn more about that history and about the historical

resources of the libraries in Michigan and in the neighboring states and provinces.

Catalog Section

Two meetings are to be held, one some time Tuesday, the other Friday afternoon.

Association of American Library Schools

Two meetings will probably be held.

Children's Librarians Section

Two meetings are scheduled, one for Tuesday afternoon, the other for Wednesday afternoon.

This section has been unusually active since the meeting at Swampscott and the program will undoubtedly reflect some of this activity. The section is planning a very carefully selected exhibit of children's books, a list of which will be available for distribution to those who attend the conference.

College and Reference Section

This section will hold one meeting, the time of which has not been definitely determined. One of the topics for discussion and probably the main topic will be THE RANKING OF LIBRARIANS AND ASSISTANTS IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

League of Library Commissions

One meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening. Another meeting of the members or governors of commissions, corresponding to trustees of public libraries, will be held on Wednesday evening.

Lending Section

Two meetings will be held, which at present are scheduled for Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon.

Library Buildings Round Table

It is expected that another meeting of this group will be held in 1922, probably on Wednesday evening. Willis K. Stetson of the New Haven, Connecticut, Public Library is in charge.

Librarians of Religion and Theology

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening.

Library Workers Association

The meetings are not yet planned.

Michigan State Library Association

A business meeting of this Association is to be held during the conference, probably on Wednesday afternoon.

National Association of State Libraries

Meetings are being planned for Wednes-

day afternoon and Thursday evening, and a joint meeting with the law librarians on Friday afternoon.

Professional Training Section

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening.

Public Documents Round Table

One meeting is tentatively announced for Tuesday afternoon.

School Libraries Section

Three sessions will be held. The meeting Tuesday afternoon, will be a high school librarians' round table, with May Ingles of the high school of commerce in Omaha presiding. It will be devoted to papers by school librarians on the relationship of the library to different departments of the school. On Wednesday evening there will be some special speakers, including Arthur Pound, the Atlantic contributor from Flint, Michigan. The third session on Friday afternoon will be a round table for normal and elementary school librarians, with Bertha Hatch of Cleveland presiding.

Small Libraries Round Table

A meeting is announced for Tuesday evening.

Special Libraries Association

Four meetings have been tentatively scheduled for this Association, the first of which will probably be held on Tuesday afternoon. The dates for the others have not yet been determined.

Training Class Instructors

A meeting will be held Wednesday evening.

Trustees Section

The meeting of this group will probably be held on Tuesday afternoon.

University Library Extension Service Round Table

This meeting will be held about 9:30 Thursday morning, June 29, at the University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor. Persons interested in this conference will leave Detroit early Thursday morning (ahead of the special train) and the meeting will adjourn in time for luncheon at the University Union with the A. L. A. party.

Three twenty minute papers are scheduled, which will be followed by informal

discussion. Arrangements are being made by Edith Thomas, in charge of the Library Extension Service at the University of Michigan.

Work With the Foreign Born

In response to numerous requests, arrangements have been made for a round table on this subject under the direction of the A. L. A. Committee on Work with the Foreign Born, Eleanor E. Ledbetter, chairman. This round table will be devoted to live discussion of practical problems, and the committee requests interested librarians to send suggestions as to topics to the chairman immediately, so that those of most general interest may be chosen for presentation. Address Mrs. Eleanor E. Ledbetter, Broadway Branch, Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

HOTEL, TRAVEL AND LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In addition to the hotels listed in the January *Bulletin*, the following are recommended to members of the Association. They are within easy walking distance of the Hotel Statler which has been chosen for headquarters. At the Statler approximately eight hundred delegates will be provided for.

The **Madison-Lenox**, at the corner of Madison and East Grand River Avenues, state that they will reserve rooms for 100 people for the A. L. A. The rates they quote are as follows:

Single room without bath	\$2.00
Single room with bath	\$3.00, 3.50
Suite of living room, bath and bed room	\$5.00, \$6.00 and 8.00

Above rates are for single persons; for double add \$1.00. Reservations must be made two weeks before time of meeting of conference.

How to Make Reservations

Write at once to the hotel of your choice stating the kind of room you want, and if you have chosen a roommate, indicate that fact giving name and address.

It is highly important that reservations be made early as the Detroit hotels are very likely to be crowded during the time of the conference. If the hotel to which you write cannot give you the accommodations you request, the hotel manager will turn your letter over to Adam Strohm,

secretary of the local committee, or to his representative. If you do not hear from your letter within a reasonable length of time, write again.

Travel Notice

The Central Passenger Association has authorized fare and one-half for round trip to Detroit. Other passenger associations will probably follow this lead.

There will probably be low summer excursion rates this year from western cities to New York, Boston, and eastern seaboard points. These rates would allow a stop-over in Detroit for the conference, and tickets could be routed east via Toronto and Montreal. (See post conference note below.)

There is no longer any war tax on either railroad tickets or Pullman berths.

One-way railroad fares and lower Pullman rates, from principal points to Detroit are shown below:

From	Rail Fare	Lower Berth
Albany, N. Y.....	\$19.69	\$ 5.63
Atlanta, Ga.....	26.68	8.25
Baltimore, Md.....	21.55	6.38
Birmingham, Ala.....	26.89	11.25
Boston, Mass.....	26.92	7.50
Buffalo, N. Y.....	9.00	3.00
Chicago, Ill.....	9.81	3.75
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	9.38	3.75
Cleveland, Ohio.....	5.93	3.75
Dallas, Texas.....	41.79	14.25
Denver, Colo.....	47.09	14.63
Des Moines, Iowa.....	22.70	7.50
Duluth, Minn.....	26.22	8.25
Indianapolis, Ind.....	9.58	3.75
Kansas City, Mo.....	26.35	8.25
Los Angeles, Cal.....	89.25	27.38
Louisville, Ky.....	13.52
Madison, Wis.....	14.49
Memphis, Tenn.....	26.11	9.38
Milwaukee, Wis.....	12.87
Minneapolis, Minn.....	24.47	7.50
Montreal, Que.....	19.40	6.00
New Orleans, La.....	39.66	13.88
New York, N. Y.....	24.82	6.38
Omaha, Neb.....	27.74	8.25
Ottawa, Ont.....	16.40	*5.25
Philadelphia, Pa.....	23.23	6.38
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	10.65	3.75
Portland, Ore.....	87.24	27.38
Rochester, N. Y.....	11.48	3.75
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	64.88	19.05
St. Louis, Mo.....	18.46	4.50
St. Paul, Minn.....	24.08	7.50
San Francisco, Cal.....	89.25	27.38
Seattle, Wash.....	87.24	27.38
Toledo, Ohio.....	2.07	† 7.75
Toronto, Ont.....	7.90	3.00
Washington, D. C.....	21.55	6.38
Winnipeg, Man.....	41.16	12.00
Worcester, Mass.....	25.32	7.50

*From Smith Falls. †Seat.

New England Party. From Boston an interesting route, for those not caring to go direct, is via Montreal and Toronto—the railroad fare is the same but the trip takes longer. The convention rate of a

fare and a half for round trip would probably be good this way, provided the return was made over the same route. From Buffalo it is probable that the steamer through Lake Erie to Detroit may be substituted for the train journey if desired, thus making a cool and restful night's trip available for delegates from Washington, Philadelphia, New York State and New England points. The question of granting convention rates this way, including steamer trip, is now being considered by the railroads.

It is proposed to run personally conducted parties from New England and the North Atlantic states to Buffalo, leaving Saturday afternoon or evening, June 24th, reaching Buffalo Sunday morning, June 25th, where the day would be spent, including a visit to Niagara Falls. Leave Buffalo Sunday evening, either by steamer, or by rail, due in Detroit Monday morning, June 26th.

North Atlantic Party. A special party will be organized from New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Buffalo. Arrangements for special Pullmans, steamer accommodations on the boat from Buffalo to Detroit will be announced later. Charles H. Brown, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., will be glad to answer any inquiries which may be received.

The following are the round trip rates at present via Buffalo and boat to Detroit, returning all rail. These round trip rates will probably be greatly reduced by summer excursion tickets.

Washington to Detroit via Buffalo, returning all rail\$48.66
Philadelphia to Detroit, returning all rail 50.31
New York to Detroit via Buffalo, returning all rail..... 50.51

Middle West Party. A daylight special train is planned, leaving Chicago about 9 a. m. on Monday, June 26th, arriving in Detroit at 4:00 o'clock p. m. in time to prepare for the first general session and reception in the evening. This plan ought to be attractive for middle west delegates and the Chicago party. Members of the Council will have to go on an earlier train if they are to reach Detroit in time for the Council meeting on Monday afternoon.

It has been suggested that a boat be chartered by the Chicago, Milwaukee and other middle western librarians who may wish to go to Detroit by the water route. A boat leaving Chicago in the late afternoon of Friday, the 23rd, stopping at Milwaukee Friday evening, would arrive in Detroit in time for the Monday meetings. This would give an opportunity to spend three nights and two days on Lakes Michigan and Huron. Any persons interested in joining such a party should communicate at once with John F. Phelan, Chicago Public Library, member of the Travel Committee for the Middle West.

Post Conference. The Travel Committee is planning a post conference trip, personally conducted, leaving Detroit by sleeper Saturday night, July 1st, for Toronto, where Sunday would be spent and Monday until 4 p. m., when steamer on Lake Ontario would be taken via Rochester, N. Y., and Kingston to some point in the Thousand Islands where Tuesday, July 4th, would be spent. Then on Wednesday down the St. Lawrence river, an all-day sail, "running" all the many rapids with their thrills, arriving about 6 p. m. at Montreal where the party would remain two nights. Leaving Montreal early on July 7 for trip through northern New England by daylight, Boston would be reached for supper, and on Saturday, July 8, at 6 p. m. the party would leave by steamer for New York City where the trip would end.

A Great Lakes Excursion. A cruise for those desiring a most wonderful week's voyage on the great inland seas may be taken from Detroit. Palatial steamers leave at 10:30 p. m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday via Lake Huron, the Soo, and Lake Superior to Port Arthur, and Duluth, with an all day stop at both Port Arthur and Duluth, arriving back at Detroit just one week from date of departure. Cost, including meals and berth, about \$78.00 for seven days.

Those desiring to take this trip one way only can do so at cost of about \$42.00.

Travel Committee,
F. W. FAXON, 83 Francis Street,
Boston, Chairman.
CHARLES H. BROWN.
JOHN F. PHELAN.

Official Exhibits

Committees or others desiring to make library exhibits should communicate at once with the Secretary of the A. L. A. who will endeavor to assign suitable space on the mezzanine floor which is the floor on which most of the meetings in the Statler will be held.

Commercial Exhibits

Space for commercial exhibits will be available in almost unlimited quantities on the thirteenth or fourteenth floors in the sample room. Applications for space should be made to the manager of the Statler.

Conference Committees

Detroit Local Committee: Adam Strohm, secretary. Other members yet to be appointed.

Ann Arbor Day Committee:

W. W. Bishop, Chairman,
Genevieve M. Walton,
Nellie Loving,
Francis L. D. Goodrich,
Edith Thomas,
Fredericka B. Gillette,
Eunice Wead.

Recreation

The Board of Regents of the University of Michigan has extended an invitation to the American Library Association to spend one day of the week in Ann Arbor, adding, "The University will be delighted to have the members of the Association as its guests at luncheon on that day." The president of the A. L. A. has accepted this invitation and plans are being made to spend most of Thursday, June 29th, in Ann Arbor.

It is expected that a special train will be run from Detroit late Thursday morning arriving at Ann Arbor in time for a lunch at the University Union. Following the lunch there will be several short talks by University representatives, after which the delegates will be free to visit the university and public libraries on the University campus. The train will return to Detroit in the afternoon starting probably about four-thirty.

Dinner Meetings

Thursday evening is set aside especially for dinner meetings, although some other meetings are being scheduled. All library schools, alumni associations or other

groups wishing to arrange dinner meetings are asked to communicate at once with the manager of the Statler.

Friday evening is set aside for a boat ride on the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. The boat will be big enough to accommodate everybody attending the convention and a variety of entertainment will be offered on board by the local and entertainment committees.

The Society of Arts and Crafts of Detroit has extended an invitation to those who attended the A. L. A. conference to visit the building of the society while in the city and has expressed the hope that the A. L. A. will permit the Society to tender a reception and afternoon tea in the auditorium some day during the convention.

"Beautiful and dynamic Detroit" is the title of a forty page booklet issued by the Detroit Convention and Tourists' Bureau. It tells about Detroit's history, industry, hotels, parks, roads, rivers, lakes, libraries and department stores, and illustrates most everything. It includes a map of the business section of Detroit, and one of most of the State of Michigan.

NEW NOMINATIONS

Some persons for very good reasons have declined nomination for office in the A. L. A. The Nominating Committee has therefore presented a supplementary report, as follows:

For President (in place of Messrs. Belden and Keogh):

Locke, George H.

Utley, George B.

For 1st Vice-President (in place of Mr.

Utley, now nominated for President):

Godard, George S.

For Treasurer (in place of Miss Krause):

Elliott, Julia E.

For Trustee of the Endowment Fund:

Porter, Washington T., Cincinnati.

Schick, Charles E., Chicago.

Sheldon, Edward W., New York.

NEW COMMITTEES

The Committee on Union List of Serials, composed of Dr. Andrews and Dr. Bostwick, has presented the following report:

At a meeting of Western University Librarians held in Chicago, December 30th, Mr. H. W. Wilson presented a plan for a national union list of periodicals to be issued in part on a subscription basis similar to that of periodicals. This plan your Committee thinks so worthy of consideration that we endorse the recommendation of the librarians' conference that the Executive Board appoint a committee to advise with Messrs. Wilson and Company and supervise the execution of the plan. We further ask to be discharged from our duties.

CLEMENT W. ANDREWS,

ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK,

Committee on Union List.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee which has just been discharged and in line with the recommendation of the university librarians of the Middle West, the Executive Board has appointed the following new Committee on a Union List of Periodicals:

H. M. Lydenberg, Chairman.

J. T. Gerould.

Willard Austen.

C. W. Andrews.

A. E. Bostwick.

Other Committees recently appointed are as follows:

Publishers' Co-operation (To answer a communication from the National Association of Book Publishers).

E. H. Anderson, Public Library, New York City, chairman.

H. W. Craver.

M. L. Raney.

Resources of American Libraries:

J. T. Gerould, Princeton University Library, Princeton, New Jersey, chairman.

Willard Austen.

W. W. Bishop.

F. C. Hicks.

Andrew Keogh.

W. C. Lane.

A. H. Shearer.

P. L. Windsor.

Salaries:

C. H. Compton, Public Library, St. Louis, Mo., Chairman.

F. F. Hopper.

Mary E. Downey.